Service conditions of IB

3750. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether IB is responsible for Internal security of the country;

(b) if so, whether the IB officers have a permanent Cadre or they are only on deputation;

(c) how many officers are on deputation;

(d) whether their deputation status leads to frustration and thus leads to a kind of security lapse in the country;

(e) whether they have a permanent posting, fixed tenure and transfer policy;

(f) whether there is any adverse impact of the security without having a permanent posting of its own cadre; and

(g) whether there is any proposal from Government to improve the service of IB?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (g) The Intelligence Bureau is one of the Security organizations along with the Police in the States that is responsible for the internal security of the country. It has its own permanent cadre as well as a quota for deputation whose posting and transfers are made as per approved deputation and tenure policy. It is not in public interest to disclose further details.

Amendment of criterion for CRF and NCCF assistance

†3751. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for providing assistance through CRF and NCCF in the event of loss of human life, houses and other losses suffered due to national calamity;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) when these criterion were laid down and whether these criterion are adequate enough to provide assistance to those affected;

(c) whether Government propose to amend the said criterion, to make them realistic;

(d) the details of recommendations made by the expert group to amend criterion for assistance; and

(e) by when Government intend to amend the prevalent criterion for assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI. S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (e) Financial assistance from Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) is provided to the States as per items and norms approved by the Government of India from time to time based on the recommendations of the Expert Group. It has been generally a practice to review and revise the items and norms of assistance from CRF/NCCF after the Award of the Finance Commission is accepted by the Government. The last such revision was made in August, 2001, after the acceptance of the Award of 11th Finance Commission.

Subsequent to the acceptance of Award of 12th Finance Commission, an Expert Group was constituted by the Government of India consisting of representatives of Central Ministries and States to review and revise the extant items and norms of assistance from CRF/NCCF. The Expert Group has submitted its report. The proposal of Ministry of Home Affairs, formulated on the basis of the report of the Expert Group and in consultation with the Ministry of Finance as well as the National Disaster Management Authority, has been sent to the High Level Committee (HLC) for consideration and approval. The revised items and norms, as approved by the HLC will be notified and circulated to all the States.

1000 ft. TV tower in Amritsar

3752. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 1000 ft. high TV tower to be installed in Amritsar had been sanctioned in 2002, which would have made sure that Doordarshan programmes could be heard in and around Lahore; and